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DEDDINGTON NEWS



The Leadenporch House, Deddington.

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COVER NOTE: The Leadenporch House, Deddington

Built in 1325? The evidence is there to support this dating, although there
is no known record before the 15th Century when the Dean and Canon of Windsor
acquired the property - with "four yardlands in the common fields of Deddington".

The structure has been altered many times - not least when the central open
fire was replaced by a chimney in the 17th Century - this cut through one of
the main roof trusses and blocked up the windows on the west elevation. You
can see these from New Street. Fortunately no-one has removed the original
soot from the trusses - the beetles live on, but so does the evidence and
memory of those fires of 400 years ago.

The house is traditionally known as the birthplace of Thomas Pope - born about
1508 - native of Deddington, educated Banbury Grammar School and founder of
Trinity College Oxford. It was modernised in the 17th Century and converted
into a two storey house with a room and cellar added at the North End. Stables
and barn followed later. The 19th Century saw great changes to the house: it
was abandoned by the farmer and became a 'beer shop' - the round plugs from
the pumps are still in the floor above the cellar. By 1830 it was in a "com-
plete state of dilapidation", the North wall "actually falling down".
Fortunately by 1843 it had been "neatly repaired" and the Gothic Revival
details in the room at the South End date from this time.

It remained a farm house until the war and then was separated from the land
and sold as it is today. During the war Field Marshall Montgomery visited
the house many times and in 1948 Rear Admiral Berthon lived here.

The garden has been and still is a favourite for Fêtes and I hope will continue
to be so. It is a good house to live in -

Betty Hill

(Source: Traditional Domestic Architecture of the Banbury Region,
Raymond Wood-Jones.)

TOWNHALL PAINTING

The team is requested to meet on SUNDAY 1 OCTOBER at 10.30 a.m. ready to work.
Please bring ladders and brushes, paint will be provided. B.H.

DEDDINGTON NEWS is back in business! Following our appeal in the July issue, we have a new team of helpers - and our own printing machine. A very prompt and generous response to our crisis came from Cliff Collin of Mirror Image Co. Ltd. in the Bullring, who offered £150 towards the cost of a duplicator. A further £50 has been given each by Deddington Chamber of Trade, and Deddington Society who offers "best wishes for the continuing good services to the people of Deddington". So we now have an electric duplicator in excellent condition, under the control of the News but to be made available for use by all the village groups and societies. As we said in the last issue, it does make sense for several organisations to share this kind of equipment and we hope it will be fully used.

We then had the offer of a second machine, from Mr. Alistair MacKenzie, The Old Well House, Castle Street. It won't be wasted, we shall either have a back-up machine, or make it available for use by others.

The Primary School P.T.A. also offered financial help, but as their funds are already heavily committed it is surely better for them to hang on to their money and still have use of the duplicator. We shall be contacting all the groups and societies very shortly to explain how, when and where the printing service will be available.

The collecting tins raised £35.44 from the 14 pubs and shops in Deddington, Clifton and Hempton.

Post Office	£10.52 $\frac{1}{2}$	Crown and Tunstuns	£5.69 $\frac{1}{2}$
Tuckers	4.47 $\frac{1}{2}$	Red Lion (2)	2.84
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Haywards	2.45	Kings Arms	.62
Deddington Salerooms	1.97	Holcombe	.41 $\frac{1}{2}$
Dodds, Hempton	1.31	Duke of Cumberland's Head	
Hopcraft and Powell	65 $\frac{1}{2}$		.13

This represents just over $\frac{1}{2}$ p from each household, which to be honest we found disappointing, particularly as there were substantial contributions of over £1 from some of our senior citizens. We shall be holding a Jumble Sale next month to boost funds a bit more, but meanwhile we have some funds behind us, so we're off again. Thank you everyone who has contributed, and our special thanks to Cliff Collin, Deddington Society, the Chamber of Trade and Alistair MacKenzie.

Our new production team is:

Treasurer - Maureen Forsyth, Stile House, New Street.
 Advertisement Manager - Jane Rose, Stone House, New Street.
 Advertisement designer - Brian Bond, Wootton Dene, Hempton Road. (Brian will welcome help in preparing ads for the Christmas issue which is a particularly frantic time). We are getting together a small team of printers under Tony Dunton to organise the printing of the News as well as work for other groups.

This issue cannot go by without recording our appreciation of George Palmer's many hours slaving over a hot duplicator. You will read his own comments on page 5. He says there "no-one is indispensable", but for the last two years he has been just that. We would never have survived without his patience and stamina, and Nora's bacon and eggs. A happy retirement to you both.

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STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN: The response from you all since the Campaign Supper has been truly remarkable, for as the result of Mr. Seymour Francis telling us that £570 a year was needed to make up for money which we were not now receiving (because of former subscribers moving from our parish, or having died). Now, not only have we been offered this but more - £1,300. In July 1977 we received £3,700 and in July this year we received some £5,000, and when we realise that the total population of Deddington, Clifton and Hempton amounts to 1,500 persons, this £5,000 a year is truly remarkable, especially when we remember that this sum does not include 'unpromised money' which comes to us through the collection plate each Sunday. Congratulations to you all and a very big 'thankyou' from the Stewardship Committee.

MEETING for DECORATORS: Although it was short notice for this annual meeting we had a goodly number present and in a very short space of time had arranged the decorating for Harvest and for the whole of next year, together with the cleaning, polishing etc. rota for 1979. We are most grateful to Mrs. Francis for arranging this meeting at her house and for being responsible for the smooth running of these rotas. We were all particularly happy to welcome new members to our Guild of St. Peter and St. Paul which numbers some 55 people and which embraces all those who work for our Church Building in decorating, cleaning and polishing. It is somewhat sad for me to realise that it is the last time that I shall chair this meeting which is always a happy one as everyone is always so anxious to help, but at the same time I am glad to hand on to my successor such a devoted band of people with Mrs. Francis as their leader.

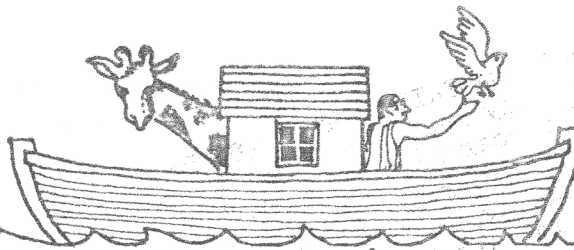
Mrs. R. E. M. BERTHON: We were very sorry to hear that Mrs. Berthon died on September 1st. Only those who have lived in Deddington for ten years or more will remember her and her husband Admiral Berthon who lived at Leadenporch House. Both of them were such delightful people, devoted to our Church and were the founders of the Deddington Choral Society. In memory of her husband, Mrs. Berthon arranged for the east window of St. Thomas' Chapel to be restored and the walls of the chapel re-decorated and a suitable tablet put on the sanctuary floor of this chapel. Now her son - Vice Admiral S. F. Berthon - has written to me to say that he and his three sisters would wish to supplement in some way in our Church this memorial to his Father by some addition in memory of his Mother. We send to them our sympathy and our thanks for their kind thought.

FAREWELL: This will be the last time that I shall write in the DEDDINGTON NEWS and the last time that I shall have the pleasure of duplicating the copy. When I offered to do this I envisaged a publication of not more than perhaps two pages of foolscap paper, but our Editor and staff had grander ideas, and indeed I was grateful, for I know we have produced something of which our town can be proud. We have had our 'teething' troubles, more especially in the duplicating of the advertisements, for with so much black spaces on them, I found the duplicator was not quite geared for this work. Then at the beginning the front cover was difficult and I always viewed the stencil for this with some trepidation! Always I have enjoyed either Mary Robinson or Bridget Macgregor helping me, always working against publication time, and indeed once we worked until the early hours of the next morning. So in saying 'farewell', my congratulations to everyone who has had a hand in this publication and our delight that with my departure the magazine will not cease. No one is indispensable!

George Palmer

PERSONAL:

Mrs. A. Newell and her daughters, Shirley, Marguerite, Janet and Frances, wish to thank all kind friends and neighbours, for cards and flowers sent to them in their great loss. Also many thanks to Mrs. Francis and Mrs. Evans and all concerned with the flowers of Frances Newell's wedding.



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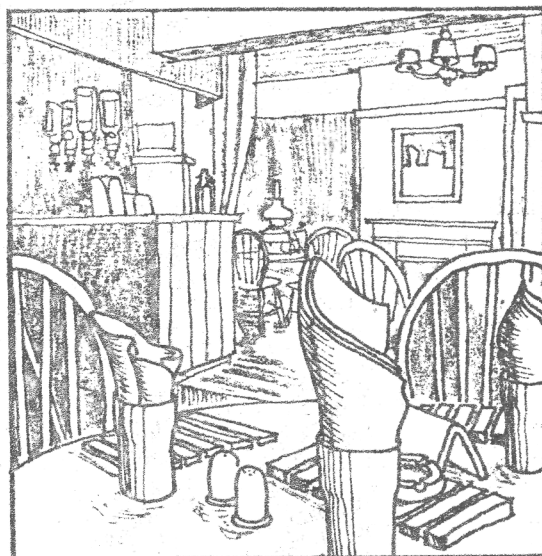
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In 1963 a few members of the Parish Church were eagerly awaiting the arrival of the new vicar. Now fifteen years later many villagers, members of the Church and other people, are sorry that the time has come for him to retire. That so many are sorry is an indication of the high regard in which George Palmer is held after his years of work in various spheres whilst carrying out his duties as Vicar of Deddington.

Soon after his arrival he was made Rural Dean which meant that Deddington had to share his services with the whole Deanery - for the Rural Dean is responsible for maintaining the regular ministry in all the Churches for much of North Oxfordshire. Later he took an active part in the formation of the Banbury Council of Churches which included Churches of all denominations in the Deanery. The Committee for United Church Music was chaired by George Palmer and one of the first of the successful series of Choir Festivals was held in Deddington.

The Church Stewardship Campaign which involved regular, planned giving was started shortly after his appointment to Deddington and has enabled the Church to deal with a serious backlog of neglected repairs. This is a good example of the way in which he has inspired his parishioners to do the tasks which were necessary. In many other ways he has sown the necessary seeds or delegated work to produce results. He has worked quietly away at many village activities like the Parish Council; the Deddington Charities, who have modernised the Alms Houses; the Deddington Housing Association who have built the new bungalows for elderly people in Earls Lane; and he served on the Jubilee Committee. He inaugurated and maintained the "Meals on Wheels" service which delivers lunches cooked in the school canteen to the elderly and house-bound twice per week during the school terms. He still takes his turn delivering these.

While he has been Chairman of the Primary School Managers the building has been greatly improved with additional classrooms and modernisation. He has ably supported the Headmaster and his staff and taken an active part in the religious life and teaching at the school. He also took a keen interest in the work of the staff and pupils at the Windmill Secondary School and later he supported the activities of the Warriner School - offering his help and the use of the Church for drama and music. Having an interest in drama he has supported the various drama societies which have functioned - the Nomads, the Deddington Players and producers of drama in Church, often helping behind the scenes.

With the creation of the Conference Corner and the building of a portable stage the Church has opened its doors to a whole range of activities such as drama, concerts, exhibitions and talks. Many village communications have been produced by his "duplicating service" and its probable disappearance has already threatened to bring Deddington News to its knees. He is now one of the best known vicars in Oxfordshire following his regular broadcasts on Radio Oxford. His work within and outside the parish was recognised when he was recently made a Canon of Christ Church Cathedral Oxford.

When one considers all the achievements of the last 15 years, it is not difficult to see how much he will be missed when he retires to Benson in October. Just as much shall we miss Nora also, who has worked hard as part of the "team" with her warm and loving personality. She re-formed the Church Choir and has helped to run many other activities.

Together they have left their mark on Deddington as few have done before and we wish them a long and happy retirement.

Jean and Douglas Ward

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With the retirement of George Palmer, Canon Tom South is to take over the Parish Church Sunday services until a successor is appointed. He and his wife, Joyce, live at Folly Cottage, New Street and we introduce him to those in Deddington who do not already know him, with his own words:

"Born 1906 at Esher, Surrey. Schooling negligible, less than 4 years, but Education considerable, which is a long story.' Associate of the Institute of Bankers 1924. Matriculated at the Queen's College, Oxford, 1928, (after learning the Greek alphabet in pubs in my lunch hours), and President of the Taberdars' Room (the Junior Common Room) 1931. Graduated 1931 with a 3rd class in the Honour School of Theology. Cuddesdon College 1931-2. Ordained 1932 to be Assistant Curate of Banbury, in charge of Easington. Warden of St. Anselm Hall, Manchester University, 1934-39. Vicar of Adderbury with Milton 1939-47."

Since then he was Rector of Amersham and then Latimer, Bucks, and worked for the Oxford Diocese until his retirement from full time ministry in 1973. His interests are new antiques, Graphology and his family which includes six grandchildren.

DEDDINGTON BOWLS CLUB

At Bunkers Hill on June 29th Deddington lost by 3 shots in a triples match against Blue Circle.

Blue Circle - 66 Deddington - 63.

On July 4th, Little Compton at home, in rather wet conditions, avenged by 19 shots a defeat earlier in the season.

Little Compton - 56 Deddington - 37

In Banbury on July 11th, the Central won by 4 shots.

Banbury Central - 58 Deddington - 54

On July 15th Lower Heyford at home had their revenge in the return match by 10 shots.

Heyford - 64 Deddington - 54

On July 20th, Deddington beat Chipping Norton at home by 44 shots.

Deddington - 81 Chipping Norton - 37

Other results:

- 26. 7.78 at Buckingham. Beat Chandos Park, 67-55.
- 1. 8.78 at Banbury. Lost to Banbury Borough (score not available.)
- 5. 8.78 at Deddington. Lost to Middle Barton, 53 - 54.
- 12. 8.78 at Deddington. Lost to Shipston Engineers. 48 - 59.
- 15. 8.78 at Deddington. Beat Banbury Central, 63 - 45.
- 19. 8.78 at Adderbury. Beat Adderbury, 74 - 48.
- 24. 8.78 at Oxford. Lost to Oxford City and County, 66 - 78.
- 26. 8.78 at Deddington. Beat Bloxham, 66 - 55.
- 28. 8.78 at Heyford. Lost to Heyford, 52 - 61.

Frank Crofts

FOR SALE: Two Mothercare stairgates, £1.50 each. Tel. Deddington 272.

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The Holly Tree Club gave a most successful Garden Party when they invited 30 of the members of the Benson Over 60's Club to join them. The weather, which had looked threatening in the morning, turned into a warm, sunny afternoon, and all the Benson people were able to have tea in the garden. Provision had been made to have the tea indoors in case of bad weather, but as it cleared all went well. With small tables spread with brightly coloured tablecloths, it all looked very attractive and the walled garden and well cut grass was a perfect setting.

The Canon and Mrs. Palmer were Guests of Honour and met a lot of old friends from their former parish. Before tea the Canon took people on a guided tour of the Church and gave a most interesting historical talk about the Church in the last 500 years. A rather nice note was struck when some tourists who wanted to look round the Church were invited in by Mr. Renwick to sit and hear the Canon's talk. They were absolutely delighted.

During tea a Family Group (all relations of Mr. Lines) played folk songs and well known tunes which were a joy to listen to. After a lavish tea, which was all home-made and given by the members, we said good-bye to our guests and saw them into their coach and waved them away after a very happy and pleasant afternoon.

E. Vivien Edmonds

DEDDINGTON LADIES

We have been very busy during the summer. On Tuesday 18th July we had a full coach for our visit to Bekonscott - a delightful model village near Beaconsfield. The sun shone for us as we rounded off the afternoon with a picnic at Burnham Beeches.

Our Annual Garden Party had to be held indoors on August 2nd as the weather let us down, and then through lack of space our children's Fashion Show had to be cancelled. However with the support of our usual faithful friends, on a miserable evening, we were able to raise £60. This money will be used to help with our Old Folks' Christmas Party and substantial donations will be made to the Cheshire Home and the Chalet Fund. Mrs. I. Goodacre, Director of Social Services and Chairman of the Chalet Committee, kindly came along to lend support. Thank you to all who came, but special thanks to Mrs. Jane Welford of Clifton who went to a lot of trouble to bring her goats along and organise a competition to help us raise the money.

Later in August we enjoyed an afternoon visiting the market at Moreton-in-Marsh and Evesham. We managed to dodge the showers and everyone came home pleased with their fruit and vegetable bargains.

On September 6th Miss Sheena Grosset gave a most interesting account of her work with Oxfam, and how they deal with disaster relief work. Everyone found the accompanying film, about the plight of refugees in camps in Bangladesh a real eye-opener.

We are all looking forward to Thursday 28th September when we have a chance to see the Generation Game being recorded, in London. There may still be one or two places left. If anyone is interested please contact Pat Franklin, Earls Lane - phone Deddington 495.

We meet as usual on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 8 p.m. at the Holly Tree Club and we are always pleased to see new faces. Our next meeting is on October 4th.

Maggie Rampley, Secretary

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Roger or Jane Rose
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Tel: Deddington 463

Transport available to and from rehearsals which will be held in Woodstock.

Windsor Great Park was the site of this year's annual camp when 12 Scouts and Scouters from Deddington Troop spent a week during August under canvas. Despite the rain we managed to make good use of the facilities offered us. Amongst other activities, we made a raft - well two really, as the first was a disaster and capsized in the middle of the lake leaving its surprised crew floundering - and an aerial runway (engineered together with a neighbouring troop from Eastbourne), stretching across some fifty yards of the lake.

Visits were made to Windsor and the Imperial War Museum during the week, and on the last day we had a rather superb battle against the Eastbourne troop, with water filled balloons fired from a mobile ballista. Needless to say, despite our lack of numbers we thoroughly soaked our opponents, and victory was definitely ours when Eastbourne's ballista (standing some 20 feet high!) snapped in the middle. May I at this point thank those parents who helped with transport, to and from the camp-site.

At the moment unfortunately, despite my assurances last month, we cannot continue to collect waste paper. This does not mean that we do not want to. We will shortly have no storage space, but many thanks to Mr. Pocock for storage space up till now, and also transporting several tons of waste paper in private cars is just not on! Is there anyone who has anywhere we could store waste paper until we have accumulated enough to take it to the paper-mill please? Also can anyone help with the transport of paper? If you can help, please ring me on Deddington 8198.

We shall be holding a jumble sale together with the Guides in the Scout Hut, Windmill School, on 30th September at 2.0 p.m. We hope to make this a mammoth jumble and anyone who has any jumble, especially books, toys and bric-a-brac please contact me on the above number and I will arrange collection. Hopefully we shall raise enough money significantly to boost both Scout and Guide funds. Later on in the year we will be holding a Christmas Draw with lots of big prizes. Details will be given in next month's Deddington News.

On 23rd November the B.B.C. are changing the frequencies of radio stations. The Scout Movement has agreed to help people in their area who may have difficulty in retuning their radio. If anybody would like help or knows of anyone who would appreciate help with the change, please do not hesitate to contact me. Hoping to hear from lots of you.

R. Stammers, Scout Leader

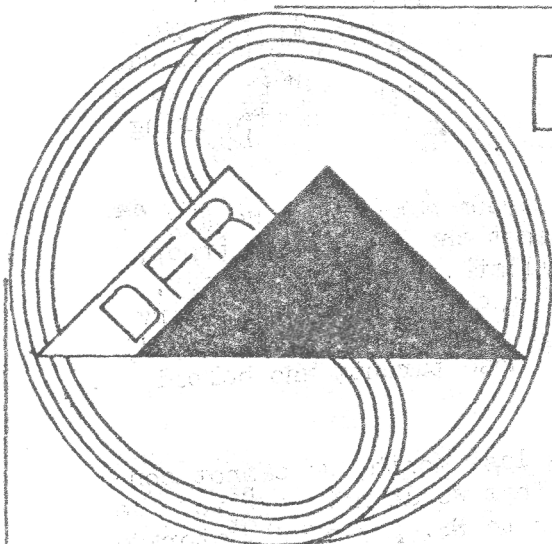
(The October issue of Deddington News will include simple charts showing the new tuning positions for Radio 1, 2, 3 and 4 programmes.)

W. I.

After the usual business at Deddington W.I. in July, we enjoyed an interesting talk with slides about cancer. Mrs. Garrett welcomed Dr. Birchall who showed us slides of cancer and of the modern equipment used in its treatment. Miss Smith thanked Dr. Birchall for helping us to understand more fully about cancer and the many ways in which it is treated. As Dr. Birchall asked that her fee be donated to charity, it is being sent to a Cancer Fund.

Our competition was a specimen rose. Members placed pennies at their chosen rose. The pennies amounted to £1.00 to be sent to Pennies for Friendship. The winning rose belonged to Mrs. Bowen. There were four raffle prizes and they were won by Mrs. Powell, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Green.

Ann Bowen

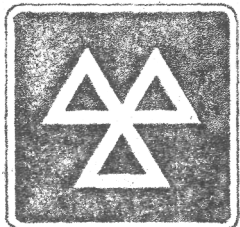
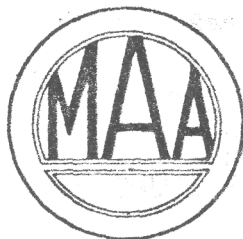


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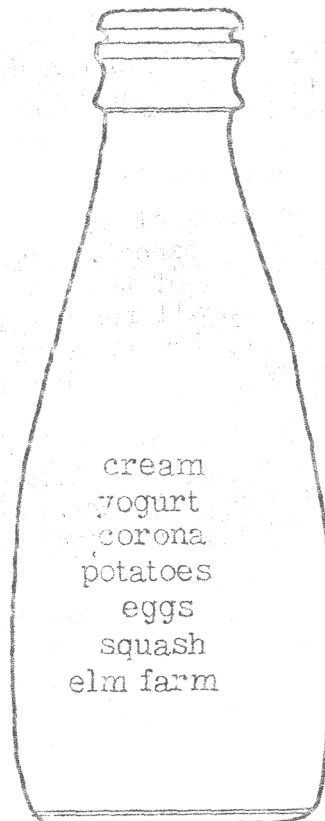
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Something I didn't mention last time I wrote on waste materials was motor oil. If you do your own car servicing, you can take your dirty sump oil to Benfields garage, from where it is collected regularly for recycling. You won't get anything for it, but on the other hand you are not causing problems for our sewage works and rivers by pouring it down the drains. Doing that you'd be breaking the law as well! If you have your car serviced at High Street or Archway Garages, they too have their waste oil collected for recycling.

Since it's not actually used up, but only made dirty while in a car engine, motor oil can be cleaned and used again. The second time round it may be burned as a heavy industrial fuel, but some does get back into big commercial engines although not cars. By the way Oxfordshire has about the most successful oil recovery scheme in the country. Let's keep it up.

Colin Robinson

DEDDINGTON MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP

Whooping cough and other childhood illnesses permitting, we hope to re-start our weekly get togethers at the Holly Tree Club on Monday 18th September at 2.30. Let's hope we have a good new session, with plenty of children. There are toys available, and tea and orange squash provided - 10p adults, 5p children.

Bridget Macgregor

CORRESPONDENCE

Police House No. 2,
Hempton Road, Deddington.

Dear Editor - I feel I must write about something which has been worrying me - and other people I have spoken to on the subject. This concerns the riding of horses along the footpath leading to The Daedings, running between the Police Houses and the council houses.

I appeal to the people concerned to think again about what I feel is a potentially dangerous practice. The footpath is narrow with a 6ft. wattle fence on one side and a sharp drop down on the other side, strewn with rubble, and a hedge of hawthorn, brambles and nettles! There is no room for any pedestrian to step aside to avoid a horse.

At The Daedings end there is a completely blind turn - anyone coming round the corner would come face to face with a trotting horse! I am very much afraid that an elderly person, unable to hear perhaps, is going to be, at the very least, frightened by this. My main concern is that a child out to play with a bike, skateboard, pram etc. will come tearing round the corner and startle the horse and in such a confined space goodness only knows what could happen.

I do not know all the people involved, so I just hope they will read this and have second thoughts, and change their route, please. It really cannot add more than a minute or two to their outing. I feel this is simply a matter of common sense and am amazed that it happened at all.

Maggie Rampley

BUSINESS OPENED.....

....in the former garden and hardware shop in New Street, a picture framing business set up by John and Thelma Huntley of Duns Tew. John started up nine years ago, working initially for the Picture Shop in Banbury and then expanding to cover other retail outlets in Banbury, Buckingham, Bicester and the surrounding area. With more clients and the help of Thelma, John's wife, the business outgrew their earlier premises and they opened in Deddington this summer. Their policy is to provide a high quality service at competitive prices, and examples of their work for well-known local artists have been seen at exhibitions in London, Woburn Abbey and at sales at Christies. They offer a full mounting and framing service and also sell ready made photograph and picture frames, and framed paintings and prints. For do-it-yourselfers they will dry-mount customers' own pictures and sell framing materials.

.....AND BUSINESS MOVED

Castle Antiques no longer operate from New Street. John Vaughan still lives in the cottage but runs the business from the former Creamery, Brackley Road, Buckingham. Lack of space forced him to look for larger premises, but anyone with articles for sale is welcome still to contact him at the Old Farmhouse, New Street (telephone 688).

NOTES ON THE JULY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The Pudden Pie Fair will be held on 9-11 November this year.

Trees in the Castle Grounds: About 60 elms are thought to be in a dangerous condition. A sub-committee has been formed to decide which trees should be cleared. Cherwell District Council's tree replacement scheme offers a 75% grant towards the cost of replanting trees and it is hoped to take full advantage of this. Some trees in the Castle Grounds have recently been cut down and there was some uncertainty as to whether these were on Council or private ground.

Allotments: at present there is no waiting list and applications are invited. Anyone wanting to be put on the waiting list for allotments should contact the Clerk, Lewis Foreman, 2 Market Place.

Footpath Lighting: The Council is still investigating the cost and desirability of changing to photocell lighting. When discussions with the S.E.B. and Cherwell District Council are complete, a Parish Meeting will be called to decide whether residents are in favour of the change.

Windmill Hall Site: Norman Drake reported that the Adult Education Committee had been dissolved as there was no time to organise new classes for the autumn term, and the members had re-formed themselves into the Hall Management Committee in order to keep up village activities. The County Council Education Department has no further use for the buildings and the Sites Department is now preparing a leasing or purchasing proposition for the Parish Council. No costs have yet been mentioned.

(Information gathered since this meeting indicates that the Management Committee is permitted to continue running the Windmill Hall for the time being. What is very unlikely, however, is that the County Council will allow the buildings to be heated, which means that the Guides, Brownies, Cubs, Choral Society, Badminton Club and Scouts will be, quite literally, left in the cold until the future of the hall is resolved. We believe the matter is to be raised again at the September Parish Council meeting.)

P.C. Investments: investments totalling nearly £2,200 with Kent County are now due to be redeemed. The money represents the Pavilion Fund, originating from past village hall fund raising efforts and it can be used only for village hall purposes. The Council agreed to withdraw the money and reinvest in a short-term Building Society policy so that it can be made available quickly, if needed.

The meeting was a short one - many councillors were absent in this holiday month.

Cherwell District Council Bye law concerning Private Car Hire: from now on Private Hire car firms would have to register and remove illuminated signs on cars to avoid confusion with taxis. The Parish Council, asked to comment, will reply that as far as Deddington is concerned there is no need for either regulation.

Resignation of Mrs. Sansome: Mrs. Sansome's letter of resignation referred to her pleasure at being involved in Parish Council business and occasional frustrations in the face of bureaucracy. She suggested that critics should come to Parish Council meetings more often. Mr. C. Fuller asked for thanks to be recorded in the minutes for Mrs. Sansome's 'enthusiasm and sincerity'. Unless there was a demand for a costly election, the Council would co-opt a new member from nominations made before September 19th. (For details see Parish Council Notice Board.)

Castle Grounds: A new lock will be placed on the gate across the road used by the rifle club.

A letter from the Department of Environment stated that the restoration of excavations on Department's ground will depend on the condition of the masonry. Councillors were concerned that the excavations might prove dangerous to children if they filled with water, or that children might damage the masonry left uncovered. It was decided to leave the matter for the moment, but write asking for clarification of the boundary between the Department's area and the playing field.

Lights in The Daedings: The Council agreed to the provision of two lights, one in front and one behind the seven old people's bungalows being built in The Daedings. They agreed to try photocell switches (the lamps will be on most of the night) and asked for columns similar to those already in The Daedings.

Bus Shelter Light: The Cornhill Insurance Company have paid £27 and the light will be repaired. The Insurance Company did not wish this to be a precedent for the future.

Chris Isaac

DEDDINGTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

Dance: This turned out to be a great success with the profit being in the £100 region. The annual awards were presented and the winners were:- 1st team Player of the Year - D. Coleman. Top Goalscorer 1st team - W. Garrett. 2nd team Player of the Year: C. Smith.

Clubman of the Year: This had to be changed to Club Person of the Year as this year's award went to the hard working Miss Sandra Gaw. Manager Mick Canning was also presented with a shield for the Manager of the 1st team. This will be presented each year. A special award of a tankard was presented to Jack Beaney on his retirement and in appreciation of the work he had done for the Club. Money for this was donated by his team-mates.

Cups: The Heyford Athletic Six-a-Side Cup is now in our Clubhouse. This was won in a two league competition and by beating Souldern in the final.

League News: On September 2nd we started the season with a 3-2 win over Grimsbury United. Let's hope this form continues. Watch for the fixtures in the Banbury Guardian and support us in voice if you can.

R. Hayward, Vice President



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From March to June, Geoffrey Hindley was a visiting professor in the Humanities Department at Florida University, Gainesville. He came back with mostly happy memories of America and Americans.

A THANK YOU TO SUNNY GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA

A visit to America for the first time can, in some ways, be a nostalgic experience. Waiting at Philadelphia airport for ground transport I went over to the automat which advertised city maps for sale. Typical of American imagination and service, I thought, never having seen a machine selling maps in an English town. Slotting in the correct money I turned the release knob - only to find the machine was out of order. Watching the Kentucky Derby on T.V. in a college common room in Michigan, friends served whisky from a bottle wrapped in a brown paper bag - because drinking alcohol in public is forbidden by state law. And we are told that English licensing laws are quaint! My first night in Gainesville was spent in total darkness because, although the electricity company's technician had come round to connect the power to my apartment and, indeed, had left his green tab in the switch room to prove it, he had forgotten to turn on the switch.

As you can imagine, such experiences made an Englishman feel very much at home. But as my stay progressed I found that in America it is possible for such things to happen, or for a journey from Washington to New York to be three hours late because of action by air traffic controllers, without newspapers and with politicians issuing dire warnings about the coming collapse of the nation's economy or the death of democracy.

By and large, so far as I could see, Americans take life easily and as it comes. They have some odd customs certainly. In Florida "dinner" is often eaten at 6.30, a convention which enabled me to fit two dinner invitations into a single evening. An odd eccentric may occasionally be seen feeding marshmallows to alligators. Office hours start between 7.00 a.m. and 8.00 a.m. Sea bathing is not contemplated until the water temperature is in the mid 70s Fahrenheit. In Sarasota they have one of the world's largest medieval joust festivals every year while one of the nation's most popular soft drinks is a confection known as Root Beer, not unlike Gammelton in flavour.

But in Florida, at least, they certainly know how to live. One friend has a lawn populated with fifteen peacocks. Another keeps his motor launch in the marina, two minutes walk from his back door ready for a fifteen minute run through the broad mangrove lined waterways to Sarasota Bay and the sea, or, turning left, into the Inter-Coastal Waterway for a storm free "canal" cruise up the eastern seaboard for two thousand miles.

In my experience generosity is the second name of most Americans. I hope it was not only that quality which made them so flattering about my lectures! Anyhow, when the University's Elizabethan music ensemble turned up at my farewell party for a delightful surprise two hours of superb "background music" I felt that during my immensely happy stay across the water I had truly been an honoured guest.

Nevertheless, the really big news during my stay at Gainesville was made by another visiting professor from England, a gentleman moving towards retirement age in academic terms but not, as it transpired, in other senses. A small ad. appeared in the campus newspaper three weeks before the end of the semester "Wanted. Attractive models to pose for professional sculptor as Aphrodite. \$10 an hour." This sculptor, it soon turned out, was in fact a venerable and internationally renowned English prof. in the social sciences who, he was to claim, had been an amateur sculptor for years and, like any good sculptor, had to get the feel, so to speak, of his subject before he could do it justice. No doubt it is a sad reflection on general education in America that some university undergraduates do not know that Aphrodite was the ancient Greek name for the goddess of love. Anyhow one of the girls told the authorities, who told the police, while the newspaper told the rest of us.

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TOYS

As I observed to a friend:

When a prof took it into his head,
To recruit a few nymphs for his bed,
He got several callers
"To model for dollars"
But they found themselves fondled instead.

The small English community, myself, a member of the Veterinary School and a few others, had to put up with a certain amount of ribald comment. But for the most part our Floridian colleagues admired the man's imaginative enterprise, though some thought he would have been wise to practise his hobby with a little more discretion.

Geoffrey Hindley

INCREASE IN CHILD BENEFIT

From November 13, Child Benefit (the old Family Allowance) will be going up from £2.30 to £3 a week for each child. If anyone has a Child Benefit book containing orders at the old rate dated after November 13, the book must be sent to the Social Security office in Banbury:

Department of Health and Social Security,
Crown Buildings, Southam Road, Banbury.

The Post Office in Deddington has free stamped addressed envelopes. Cash any benefit due before you send the book away. If the order book ends before 13 November, or if the new rates are already shown, you need do nothing.

DEDDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL P.T.A.

This is the first Parent-Teacher Association news of the new school year and the last before the Annual General Meeting, when the new committee is elected. So I thought this would be a good time to re-state the aim of parent-teacher associations, which is basically to create a closer and more understanding bond between teachers and parents for the good of the children, who depend on them equally for their education. Education begins with the birth of the child; the child's earliest education is in the home, and all interests tend to be home-based to begin with; a child cannot successfully branch out and follow up new interests at school without continuing support from home and family. So, when a child starts school at Deddington, its parents start too. There is no membership fee for the Parent-Teacher Association - the family is in it from the beginning. We are all in this business together - to bring out the best in our children and give them all the help and encouragement they need from us.

The children get to know each other very quickly through daily contact at school, but the parents don't often have the chance to get together, fathers in particular, so we thought it would be a good idea to start off the year with a party, so that parents and teachers, parents and parents, could meet informally, simply to get to know each other, before getting down to the more formal side of PTA activity, such as keeping contacts going and raising money to provide amenities which such gloomy things as 'capitation' allowances cannot cover.

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING is on Wednesday 20 September at 8.00 p.m. in the School Hall. If you can't come to anything else in the year, please try to come to this, and help choose a new committee to represent you and your family and carry on the work of the Deddington Parent-Teacher Association. We look forward to seeing you all.

Moya Hassan, Secretary

DEDDINGTON GUIDES

Very little news this time as we were unable to take part in any camping activities during the school holidays. We did plan and make preparations for a hike to take place during the last week of the holidays. With complicated baby-sitting arrangements made for the guiders' combined total of 7 children, it was very disappointing to find that only 2 Guides took the trouble to remember the date and come along. However, we made good use of the day and the sunshine to visit Newbottle Woods. Guides, children and all, had a very pleasant time walking and enjoying a picnic together.

The old enthusiasm was back, though, last week when we held a very successful and lively Patrol leaders and seconds training. As usual the highlight of the evening was the coffee and biscuits but we also had some serious discussion and made some great plans for the next few months. We meet as usual each Tuesday evening from now on from 7 - 9 p.m. at the Windmill School Hall.

On Saturday 30 September at 2 p.m. we are holding a GRAND JUMBLE SALE in the Windmill School, Scout Hut. We are combining with the Scouts, Cubs and Brownies for this event. We particularly need to raise some money to enable us to buy more camping equipment so that when we are able to go to camp we will be prepared. PLEASE - Mums and Dads, Aunties and Uncles, Grandparents, friends and neighbours, please support your Guides.

We are asking for good jumble, plants, produce, cakes, books, toys, hand-made articles - these may be left with any Guider or Scouter - if they require collection please ring 444 or 8198. Thank you. We look forward to seeing you all on Saturday 30 September.

Maggie Rampley

DEDDINGTON WESLEYAN REFORM CHURCH

Harvest Festival Services: Sunday September 17th. 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Preacher - Mr. Ridley Ellis.

Sale of Produce in the Schoolroom on Monday September 18th at 6.30 p.m.
Proceeds from sale for the Leprosy Mission.

Saturday September 23rd: Rally at 7.30 p.m. Speaker, Mr. Yates.
All are welcome at these services.

Doris Walker

DIARY FOR SEPTEMBER

- September 17: Wesleyan Reform Church
Harvest Festival Services
- 18: Wesleyan Reform Church
Sale of Harvest Produce, 6.30 p.m. Church Schoolroom.
- 20: Primary School P.T.A.
Annual General Meeting 8.00 p.m. School Hall.
- 21: Playgroup Annual General Meeting
8.00 p.m. Playgroup Hut
- 23: Wesleyan Reform Church Rally 7.30 p.m.
- 27: Parish Council meeting 7.00 p.m.
- 28: Deddington Ladies visit to
Generation Game recording, London.
- 30: Scouts and Guides Jumble Sale
2.00 p.m. Scout Hut.

October 1: Town Hall Painting 10.30 a.m.